and positive reaction to be generated by it;

(c) the mode for selection of sites maximum impact in cities and towns particularly in the rural areas and the cost of one clock and the anticipated capital outlay involved; and

(d) the other measures like media blitz, particularly on Doordarshan and making of films focussing family welfare issues are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government is planning to install a few population clock at some strategic location in cities and towns in India. These clocks, presently under fabrication by HMT, besides showing time will show the total population at each point of time, as well as increase in population every minute and fraction thereof. These clocks will also depict messages on the Family Welfare Programme. The whole system will be illuminated. It is hoped that installation of these clocks will bring about the awareness about the rapid increase in population.

(c) The coast of one 23' x 11' sized clock with moving messages on issues of family welfare, is about Rs. 14.00 lakhs and that with static messages of size 20' x 8 ' is Rs. 6.30 lakhs. The total capital outlay involved in the procurement of 3 large and 30 small population Clocksestimated at Rs. 231 lakhs which is being met by a UN agency. The criteria for the selection of sites for installation of the clocks is the following:

1. Possibility of maintenance by HMT (which is restricted to larger cities at present).

2. Maximum visibility to the greater number of people.

3. On lookers should belong to cross sections of Indian Society.

4. The site should be suitable for installation.

5. There should be uninterrupted electric supply.

6. Adequate security is ensured.

(d) Media efforts are being intensified by promoting production of imaginative and entertraitaning films and video programmes, higflighling the messages of Family Welfare to target sudiences for telecast. These efforts are being supplemented by inter-personal communication at the grass-root level through voluntary women group called Mahila Swasthya Sanghs, Link Workers/women, besides the extension machinery at the Block level, Block Extension Educators and Auxillary nurse midwives.

[*Translation*]

Upgradation of Medical Colleges

3389. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed any Committee for the upgradation of Medical Colleges; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. N. Tadon, Retd. Professor of Neuro-Surgery, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, to Consider and

make recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges in five zones of the country to make them into regional cenres of excelence in medical care. The Committee submitted its report in December, 1991 and had made recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges. The Government, after careful consideration of all aspects of the matter, including the availability of resources, the likely impact of such a scheme including giving rise to similar demands from other States and constitutional responsibility of the Central Government in this regard, have decided not to include this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*English*]

Wheat Quota to Private Sector

3390. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reduced the quota of wheat to the private sector in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extend to which the supply and price of wheat have been affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The quantity of wheat sold in the open sale during January, 1992 was 1.07 lakh tonnes compared to 3.14 lakh tonnes sold in December, 1991.

(c) and (d). Whereas qualification cannot be done, open sale of wheat helped in moderating the rising trend of prices.

Expansion of Production Capacity of Sugar Mills

3391. SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the existing production capacity of sugar mills during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A target of licensed capacity of 198-76 lakh tonnes annual sugar production has been fixed for the terminal year of the Eighth Five Plan i. e. 1996-97 (October - September). No State-wise target has been fixed till yet.

Diesel Engine Factory in Mysore

3392. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diesel engine factory at Mysore has started commercial production;

(b) if so, the production during 1991-92 (upto and of Dec '91);

(c) the number of employees working in the above factory;

(d) whether the installed capacity has been fully utilised; and

(e) if not, the percentage of utilisation of the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no Diesel engine manufacturing unit at Mysore.